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1. DURING MY FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT SAYEM SEPTEMBER 8, AT WHICH FOREIGN SECRETARY TABARAK HUSAIN WAS ALSO PRESENT, ONLY SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION HE RAISED WAS FARAKKA PROBLEM WITH INDIA. HE SAID THEY WERE DOING THEIR BEST TO WORK OUT THIS PROBLEM IN DIRECT TALKS WITH INDIA BUT IT WAS THE KIND OF PROBLEM WHICH COULD BENEFIT FROM THE GOOD OFFICES OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND HE HOPED WE WOULD BE HELPFUL. AFTER CONFIRMING THAT I WOULD BE SPENDING SOME TIME IN WASHINGTON, HE ASKED ME TO DO MY BEST TO THIS END.

2. DRAWING ON DEPARTMENT'S REFTTEL, I TOLD HIM WE WERE SYMPATHETIC TO THEIR DIFFICULTIES AND SORRY THAT NO BILATERAL SOLUTION HAD BEEN WORKED OUT YET. I SAID THAT I HAD BEEN VERY PLEASED TO SEE THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS IN DELHI AND WE ALL HOPED THAT THESE WOULD FINALLY LEAD TO SOME PROGRESS AS WE WERE CONCERNED THAT DISCUSSIONS AT THE UN MIGHT ONLY SERVE TO HARDEN THE INDIAN ATTITUDE. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT IF THERE WERE

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NO SUCCESS IN THE BILATERAL TALKS HE DID NOT SEE WHAT

OTHER OPTION THEY HAD.

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